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RESPONSE TO EPA COMMENTS: FRENCH DRAIN (OU 1) HABITAT MITIGATION PLAN - JEE-0324-92

Letters (8HWM-FF, dated April 21, 1992 and 8WM-WQ, dated April 17, 1992) regarding the Operable Unit 1 Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan (OU 1–HMP) were transmitted from U.S. EPA Region VIII (EPA) to the U.S. Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office (DOE) on April 22, 1992, with a requirement that the OU 1–HMP be revised and resubmitted by May 1, 1992. Copies of these letters were faxed to various individuals at EG&G on April 20, 1992. EG&G would like to call to your attention the following points, which have been discussed with your staff:

- Official comments have yet to be received from other involved agencies, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Colorado Department of Health (CDH), and Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), regarding the OU 1-HMP and it appears inappropriate to modify the OU 1-HMP unilaterally without incorporation of any comments from these agencies.
- 2. EG&G has prepared specific informal responses to the comments received from EPA (Attachment 1 regarding letter 8WM-WQ and Attachment 2 regarding letter 8HWM-FF) in order to clarify some of the issues regarding wetlands at OU 1. EG&G proposes to withhold actual modification of the OU 1-HMP until official comments have been received from all involved agencies.
- 3. EG&G also recommends that DOE respond to EPA and request an extension to the due date stipulated, in order to provide the other reviewing agencies a reasonable time period to respond to the draft OU 1-HMP reviews.
- 4. EG&G recommends that a meeting be held as soon as is feasible among representatives from DOE, EPA, USFWS, CDH, CDOW, and EG&G to discuss and resolve any conflicting issues surrounding the OU 1–HMP.

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If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Steve Nesta on X8605, or Richard Flory on X8680.

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Attachments: As Stated (2)

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